

FIRE PROTECTION POLICY BOARD

WORK SESSION October 15, 2003 General Administration Building Olympia, WA

Board Members Present: Chair Sharon Colby, Jim Potts, Jim Broman, TJ Nedrow, Liz Loomis, Mark Kahley and Janet Paulson

Board Members Absent: Joe Coultman

WSP Staff Present: State Fire Marshal Mary Corso and Ellen Tombleson

Guests Present: Ray Mattox – Snohomish County Fire District 1
Don Fernandez – Department of Health

EMS Data Collection

Following introductions, Don Fernandez provided an overview of the DOH EMS and Trauma Systems. Don is currently tasked with developing an EMS registry database of all EMS calls.

Don also provided information on a 3-year grant (\$40,000 per year) for the purpose of implementing a statewide EMS data collection system. Mary advised that the challenge is to integrate the fire reporting and EMS reporting into one seamless system. Following discussion on Don's request that the FPPB provide a representative on the Trauma EMS Data Collection Committee, it was agreed that although the FPPB has a strong interest in the committee's work, they do not feel that there is a need to have a representative on the committee at this time. The group went through a brainstorm process to identify possible participants for Don to consider including on the Committee. Don agreed to provide updates to the FPPB on an on-going basis throughout the project.

Mary advised Don that Stevens Hospital in Everett is currently developing a credentialing tool, which has the capability of utilizing a hand held device in the middle of a major trauma situation to transmit data, and pictures to a hospital emergency room. Mary advised that she would invite Dr. Robert Mitchell from Stevens Hospital to a future Board meeting to provide information on the credentialing tool.

Professional Development Summit II

Jim Broman provided an overview of the Summit II, which was held September 17, with the purpose of facilitating a statewide strategy for the professional development of fire and emergency services officers that is consistent with national initiatives. Following exercises to develop a problem and strategy statement, it was determined that the priority would be to establish an interim Strategy Group, that would report to the Fire Protection Policy Board, to develop a State Strategy Plan.

Discussion was held on the formation of a Training Committee that would be designed to set policy and direction at a higher level. The WSAFC and the SFMO will work together will to define the committee and will provide an interim report at the next business meeting.

SIEC

Mary provided an overview of the State Interoperability Executive Committee which was re-constituted during the last legislative session. This is a 15 member committee which is chaired by WSP Chief Serpas, and Vice-

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Chaired by Jim Broman, Lacey Fire District Chief, is essentially charged with the broad scope of developing a statewide plan for interoperable communications. Mary advised that the SIEC will form working groups, and will have the responsibility of surveying equipment and infrastructure among state agencies by 2004, and local governments my mid-year.

Burn Ban

Mary provided copies of possible burn ban language, and advised she will know in a few weeks if it will be approved by the Governor to go forward as Agency Request Legislation. Mary will provide an update on this at the November Board meeting.

Policy Board Notebooks

Policy Board Notebooks were distributed and reviewed. It was agreed that at each meeting, discussion would be held to identify any additional items that are needed in the notebooks. Sharon advised that in the future, she would like to have each policy contain a synopsis of the programs that fits with each policy.

EMC & COT

Discussion was held on the advantage of pursuing adding a FPPB representative on the Emergency Management Council (*Governor appointment*) and the Committee on Terrorism (*Emergency Management Council appointment*). For the next business meeting, Jim Broman encourages the FPPB to generate a letter to Tom Green, EMC Chair (w/ a cc to the Governor) expressing the Board's interest in having a seat on the EMC. Mary will draft a letter to Tom Green for the Board to react to.

Fire Fighter I Program-

Following the overview provided by Dr. Bob Barnard on the re-defined Firefighter I Program, Sharon requested that all Board members take the time to become familiar with the Firefighter I program and be prepared to make a motion and vote at the November meeting. At the end of the presentation, Mary expressed her gratitude to Dr. Barnard for all his efforts in making this program a success.

Mary requested that the agenda for the November meeting include discussion on alternative distribution of regional funding.

Next Meeting:

November 19, 2003 – 9:00
General Administration Building
WSP HQ Conference Room

Approved:

Sharon Colby, FPPB Chair (Date)